

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 212, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Billy Witherspoon, Chairman, House Agriculture, Natural Resource & Environmental Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
ANALYSTS:	R.J. Stein, Harry Bell		
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AUTHOR:	Senator McGill	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	50-11-500
SUBJECT:	Unlawful to Take Wild Turkey from Watercraft		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 212, as amended, amends Section 50-11-500 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the protection of wild turkey. The Bill prohibits the taking of wild turkey from a watercraft on the waters of this State. The Bill also amends Chapter 1, Title 50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to game management in general, by adding Section 50-1-145 which declares that it is unlawful to possess a shotgun loaded with buckshot or larger ammunition or a rifle loaded with ammunition larger than .22 while in a watercraft on the waters of this State. The Bill also imposes fines of from \$100 to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to 30 days for violations of Section 50-1-145.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Natural Resources indicates that this Bill would have no fiscal impact on the agency, although it could result in a few additional tickets written annually for violations. Any fines would accrue to the County Fish and Game Fund.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Enactment would have little or no impact on local government expenditures.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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